Application No. 10/721,497 Reply to Office Action of December 15, 2006

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as currently amended and in light of the

following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-29 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 13, 23, 25, and 28 are

amended by the present amendment.

The outstanding Quayle Action indicates this application is in condition for allowance

except for formal matters concerning the drawings and the claims.

Regarding the informality in the drawings, Applicants respectfully note that Figures 1

and 2 as originally filed included an appropriate legend. In addition, during a telephone

discussion on January 17, 2007, Examiner Lee indicated the drawings as originally filed are

acceptable, and no change in legend is required.

Further, regarding the informalities in the claims, Claims 1, 13, 23, 25, and 28 are

amended to more consistently indicate "each of the user nodes" in light of comments in the

Office Action.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the objections to the drawings and

claims be withdrawn.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested this application pass to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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